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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 19 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.15 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Sierra Leone (S/2000/832 and Add.1)

Other matters

5 p.m. 4198th meeting (closed) Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in East Timor

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 22nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Republic of Moldova

Republic of Korea

Panama

Indonesia

Mali

(continued overleaf)

Qatar

Nigeria

Palestine

3 p.m.	23rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Sierra Leone

Thailand

Turkmenistan

Philippines

Botswana

Bangladesh

India

Guyana

Sudan

Congo

The Commonwealth of Dominica

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

2. Organization of work (A/55/250, A/C.5/55/1, /C.5/55/L.1 and A/C.5/55/L.2)

3. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

   (b) Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and A/C.5/55/5)

4. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

   Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2)

5. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 and Add.1 (A/C.5/54/65 and A/55/376)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Follow-up report on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization

2. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the administration of justice in the United Nations

3. Procurement reform

4. Outsourcing practices

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2000

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.–4 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Health matters [4].

(a) Overview of recent initiatives and partnerships in immunization, including GAVI: oral report

(b) Recommendations for the extension of cooperation with Rotary International for polio eradication and for the extension of the Vaccine Independence Initiative (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.47)

2. Decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council: oral report [5]

3. Financial medium-term plan (MTP) for the period 2000-2003 [6] (E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.5)

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal (informal) consultations

H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) will hold informal (informal) consultations *today*, 19 September 2000, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to discuss options for placing the United Nations Forum on Forests within the United Nations system intergovernmental machinery.

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FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is available on the General Assembly Web site on the Internet at: http://www.un.org/ga/55.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to DPI@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Announcements

Cellular telephones

Delegations are kindly requested to turn their cellular telephones rings off while attending meetings in order to maintain the orderly conduct of the proceedings of those meetings.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Tuesday, 19 September 2000

GROUP OF 77
(on oceans and seas)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Third Committee matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE FOLLOW-UP OF SUBMISSION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS
(at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

SPECIAL BRIEFING ON ELECTRONIC SERVICES AT THE UNITED NATIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 24th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Slovakia

Azerbaijan

Namibia

Singapore

Kyrgyzstan

Lesotho

Palau

Cambodia

3 p.m. 25th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Liberia

Central African Republic

Cameroon

Bolivia

Myanmar

Andorra

Haiti

Nauru

Vanuatu

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10:30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with Ms. Krcalova (tel.: (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977, tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1. The list of speakers for items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/55/1) will be opened for inscription on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/55/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m., with agenda items 103 (Social development) and 104 (International Year of Older Persons). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; telefax: (212) 963-5935; electronic mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 20 and 21 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed 2000 session of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to resume consideration of item 7 (Consideration of special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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United Nations Development Programme

There will be an informal (closed) Inter-Agency Consultative meeting (IACM) on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 6*.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 18 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

20th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable John Briceño, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Belize; H.E. Mr. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia; H.E. Mr. Igor Ivanov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Mr. Shlomo Ben-Ami, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel; H.E. Mr. Abdul Sattar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. James Victor Gbeho, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ghana; and H.E. Mr. Aleksandar Dimitrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and H.E. The Honourable Alexander Downer, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia.

21st plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Jassim Mohammed Buallay, Chairman of the Delegation of Bahrain; H.E. Mr. Borys Tarasyuk, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; H.E. Mr. Vartan Oskanian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia; H.E. Mr. Habib Ben Yahia, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia; H.E. Mrs. Lila Ratsifandrihamanana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar; H.E. The Honourable Lilian Patel, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi; H.E. The Honourable Lakshman Kadirgamar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka; H.E. Mr. Didier Opertti, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay and former President of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Clifford Sibusiso Mamba, Chairman of the Delegation of Swaziland; and H.E. Mr. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chad.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer of Palestine.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session for 2000 15th and 16th meetings

Note: The summary of the 15th and 16th meetings of the Executive Board will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/182).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2000

642nd meeting

Mr. Hamid Gaham, Chief, Support Services Branch, made an opening statement.

The Committee considered its methods of work in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994

Accession: Austria (11 September 2000)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: El Salvador (18 September 2000)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special events

The Department of Public Information, in association with UNESCO and a coalition of non-governmental organizations, will hold two special events *today*, 19 September 2000, to mark the Millennium Peace Day. About 250 students from New York City schools will be in Conference Room 4 at 10 a.m. to hear from Mrs. Nane Annan, Mrs. Nohora Puyana de Pastrana, First Lady of Colombia, and Mrs. Betty Williams, 1976 Nobel Peace Prize Winner. At 12 noon, at a ceremony to be held on the United Nations Plaza, Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, will receive over 50 million signatures collected by children and representatives of non-governmental organizations in support of UNESCO's "Culture of Peace" manifesto. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special screening

There will be a special screening of the CNN documentary "Soldiers of Peace", organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, *today*, 19 September 2000, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Brief addresses will be made by H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri (Finland), President of the General Assembly, Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Mrs. Nohora Puyana de Pastrana, First Lady of Colombia, and Ms. Kathy Eldon, producer of the documentary. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

The Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela, the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Walter Balzan, and the Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jenö C.A. Staehelin, are jointly organizing the launch of the *Internet Guide for Diplomats* by Mr. Jovan Kurbalija from the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta, to be held on Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. The presentation will be made in English.

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